REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the title has been set forth to ensure that it is consistent with the title provided on the application and the Declaration, a new abstract has been provided which is in-line with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b) and all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims with new dependent claims 12-20 having been added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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